THE TRAVANCORE DEBT RELIEF ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Debt Relief Act (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I oppose the motion for the introduction of the Travancore Debt Relief Act (Amendment) Bill. In the first place my submission is that there is no serious principle involved in the proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT: You are objecting the introduction of the Bill, I suppose.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Yes Sir. I am opposing the introduction on this ground. The only change that is sought to be made by the proposed amendment is with regard to the reduction of the number of instalments default of which would entail loss of the benefit of the Act conferred upon the debtors, from 3 to 2. After all it is not a very serious matter and it is about 5 years since the Bill was passed into law. And this particular section will be in operation at the most for about 2 or 3 years more. The reason alleged in the objects and reasons is that the conditions created by the war have considerably enhanced agricultural incomes and have placed the debtors in a better position to pay off their debts. But Sir, the amendment, if it is passed into law will be applicable to all kinds of debtors irrespective of their position and their status. I can assure you and the honourable members that if this is passed into law it will work a lot of difficulties to the agriculturists and the low paid Government officers. If the agriculture.....

PRESIDENT: I may say at once that enquiries made by me show that practically no loan is now taken from the various banks in regard to this matter. The question is really this. This is what is intended in the interests of those who have not paid, because our people have a habit of slackening payments unless there is some incentive to pay. It is a matter in which Government are not committing to one position or other. They will abide by the opinion of the House.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I formally oppose the introduction.

The question that the Bill be introduced in the House was put and lost.

THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I oppose the introduction.

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